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Guides



**Mississippi
River
Greenway
(Dakota
County)**
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The trail is also closed from Grand Avenue to the Wakota Scenic Trailhead through October 2026. A detour is available along Hardman Avenue. Please follow all posted detour signs. Please check the [Dakota County website](#) for updates.

This Mississippi River Greenway runs through eastern Dakota County, just outside of Minneapolis, Minnesota, running between South Saint Paul and Hastings for 27.7 miles.

Beginning in Simon's Ravine, the northern segment of the

trail follows along a levee and offers a continuous overlook view of the railroad and barge commerce on and along the Mississippi River. Curving slightly inland, the trail runs through the city of Inver Grove Heights before meandering amidst the forests and landscapes of several nature preserves. After heading first through the Katharine Ordway Natural History Study Area, the trail then winds among the wooded, 200-foot bluffs in the Pine Bend Bluff Scientific and Natural Area (one of the least-disturbed natural areas along the Mississippi River in the metro area).

The trail then winds through the bluff-top countryside northwest of Hastings before dropping down and crossing Lock and Dam No. 2 on the Mississippi River. After curving through downtown Hastings and crossing the Vermillion River, the trail reaches its southern end at C.P. Adams Park.

At its northern trailhead, the South Saint Paul section of this trail links to another paved trail heading west to Kaposia Park and beyond, called the River to River Greenway. Connections to other trails are found along the route, including links to a network of trails throughout the city of Hastings.

Restrooms, parking, and drinking water are marked on the map and are available at multiple locations along the route, including Kaposia Landing, Simon's Ravine Trailhead, Swing Bridge Trailhead, Pine Bend Bluffs Scientific and Natural Area (SNA), and Spring Lake Park Reserve.



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States: Minnesota

Counties: Dakota

Length: 27.7miles

Trail end points: Simon's Ravine Trailhead to
C.P Adams Park Trailhead

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Walking,
Wheelchair Accessible

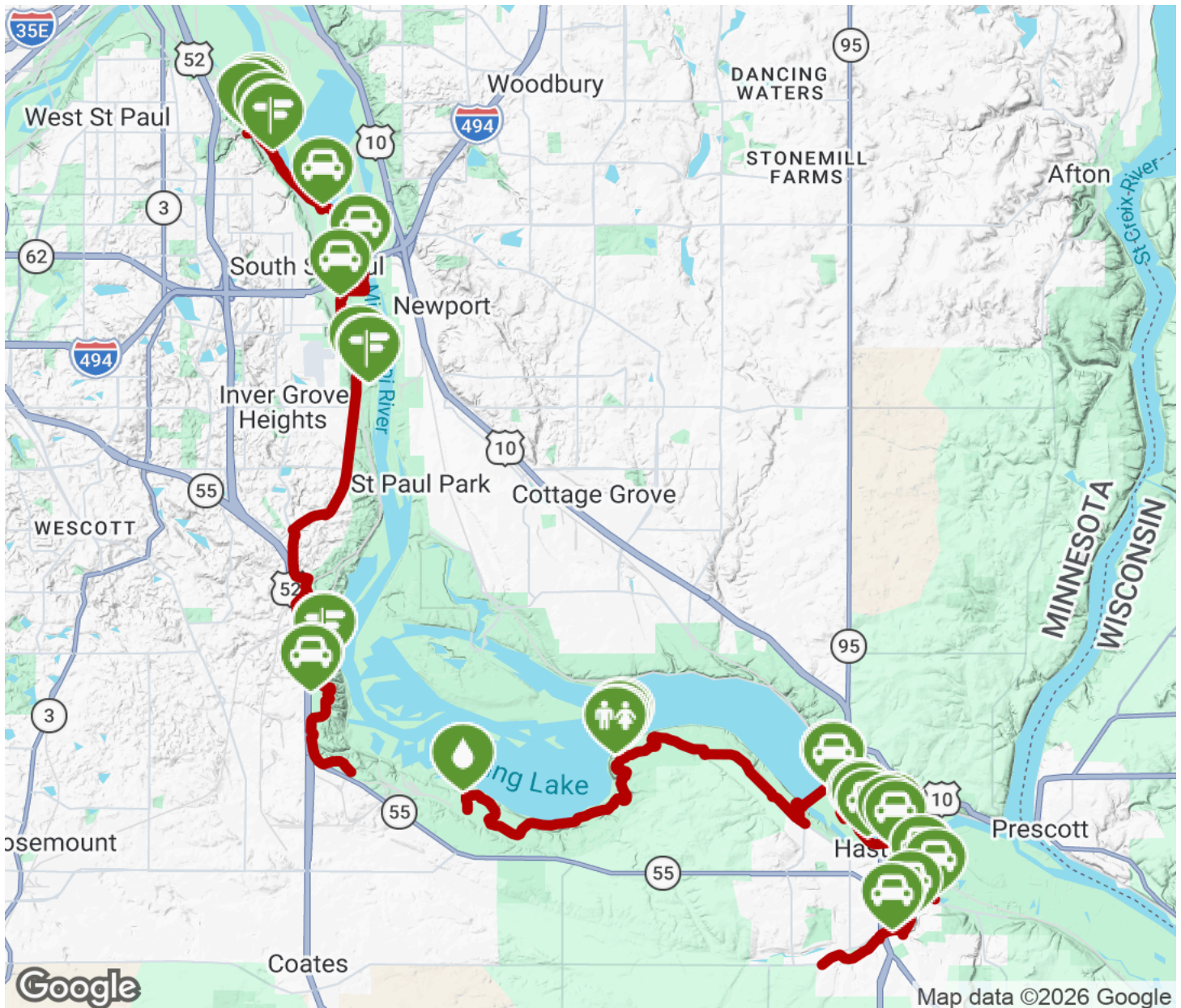
Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at numerous points along the trail. Please view the map for all the locations and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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